



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Whittemore Grove SOD Prevention

**LOCATION:** John B. Dewitt Redwoods State Reserve **COUNTY:** Humboldt County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Reduce the spread of the organism that causes Sudden Oak Death (SOD) in Whittemore Grove, John B. Dewitt Redwoods State Reserve by improving drainage on the road and in the parking lot and installing an educational bulletin board which will inform the public about how to prevent the spread of SOD. To improve drainage, construct a ditch from the road edge through existing road over burden and sediment to the unnamed creek located just west of the road. The ditch dimensions are 36" wide, 24" deep, and 150' long. Add rock gravel to an existing parking area to raise the elevation (approximately 6" lift) of the parking area and prevent pooling of water. Install a bulletin board with subsurface wooden footings for interpretive information. Install a barrier of boulders around the parking lot to prevent motor vehicles from entering the grove of trees from the parking lot. Construction vehicles and equipment will be staged on existing gravel or paved surfaces and will be cleaned at an appropriate washing facility immediately after leaving the project area. Native plant material within the project area will be salvaged, saved, and used for revegetation after construction is complete. Measures and conditions have been incorporated into the project design to ensure that construction will not affect northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, or cultural resources.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** North Coast Redwoods District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

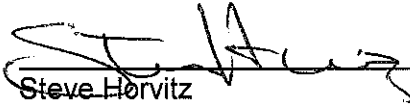
Class: 3 & 4


Section: 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The project consists of construction, installation, and location of limited number of new, small facilities or structures and minor alteration in the condition of land, water, and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees and is included as "resource management projects" and "signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR Section 15300.4.

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